

VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "All life is interrelated . . . somehow we're caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. ~Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

December 31, 2014

Deliver Groceries to Homebound Seniors!

Delivering groceries to homebound seniors through Area 10 Agency on Aging only takes an hour and a half, but it's a great way to have a big impact. Almost 300 people receive this service, thanks to 70 volunteers! Groceries are ready for pick-up from 12:30-3 p.m. on Wed. and between 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thurs. Routes available in both Monroe qnd Owen Counties. Minimum age is 16; those younger should be accompanied by an adult. Families welcome! Please contact Rebecca Nunley at (812) 876-3383 or rnunley@area10agency.org. (www.area10agency.org)

Buskirk-Chumley Theater Street Team

The Buskirk-Chumley Theater Street Team spreads the word about upcoming shows by nationally-known performers by distributing posters around town. Volunteers cover specific areas, are provided with a list of posting locations, and post 10-12 times per year. This is a great opportunity for those who want to learn more about Bloomington! Two rounds of postering earns you a complimentary ticket to the show of your choice, dependent on availability. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Regine Richter-McClain at (812) 323-3020 or volunteer@buskirkchumley.org. (www.buskirkchumley.org)

Couples Match Program

In the Couples Match Program of Big Brothers Big Sisters, a "Little" is matched with a couple who wants to volunteer together. Each partner acts as a Big to the child offering friendship, support and, of course, fun! Couples can plan activities together or individually. The minimum commitment is eight hours per month for 12 consecutive months. Access to reliable, insured transportation, an interview, and training are required. Minimum age is 18.

Please contact Mark Voland at (812) 334-2828 ext. 227 or mvoland@bigsindiana.org. (www.bigsindiana.org)

Community Judges for Speech and Debate Tournament - Jan. 8-10

The National Christian Forensics and Communications Association will gather at IU from Jan. 8-10 for an exciting speech and debate tournament, where hundreds of home-schooled students from the Midwest, ages 12-18, will compete to earn a spot in the Regional this spring. This group is faced with the monumental task of finding over 500 tournament judges! No experience is necessary; training will be provided. Judging one round will take about three hours, including arriving at the hospitality room (meals and refreshments provided), orientation, the 1.5-hour round, and filling out ballots afterwards. For details, go to www.ncfcajudges.com, click on 'Indiana' and choose 'Indiana Qualifier'. For "Referred By" put "BVN". Volunteers can select just one round or many! Judges from all walks of life are welcome. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Beth Delph at (205) 500-0081 or bfdelph@gmail.com. (www.ncfca.org)

Home Weatherization - Jan. 19

Volunteers for Change is organizing teams to complete simple weatherization tasks in the homes of those in need. This will take place from 1-4 p.m. on Jan. 19, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The homeowners will enjoy an immediate reduction in energy bills, and will be encouraged to be actively involved in the process. Volunteers will learn the basics of home weatherization while serving others and cutting energy use. No experience is necessary. Afterwards, volunteers will share their experiences over a cup of hot chocolate at Rachael's Cafe! Minimum age is 18. Please contact Anne McLaughlin at (812) 327-3804 or annetm@att.net. (www.facebook.com/home.php#!/groups/49407465090/?fref=ts)

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

Community Wish List Spotlight

Bloomington Parks and Recreation

Provides comprehensive programs that encompass educational, cultural, recreational, intergenerational, health, fitness, volunteer, and leadership opportunities. To grant a wish, contact Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov)

Wishes: new release DVDs and Wii games, pencils, crayons, markers, construction paper, straw bales, 100 ft. heavy-duty garden hose, wheel barrows, kitchen dishes, pots, pans, bowls, measuring cups, glasses, electric golf cart, mini skid steer, bike tire pump, gently used kid's bikes, locking storage cabinet

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

